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Remarks

This is a complete response to the Office Action mailed 9/12/2006. The amendments to the specification and claims herein serve solely to more particularly point out and distinctly claim that which is patentable subject matter. The amendments and accompanying remarks are proper, do not contain new matter, and are broadening of claim scope before any rejection and thereby not narrowing in response to a rejection over a cited reference.

New claims 22-26 serve solely to more particularly point out and distinctly claim that which is patentable subject matter of the present embodiments. Support for new claims 22, 23, 24, and 25 is found at least in the subject matter of the originally filed independent claims. Support for new claim 24 is found at least in paragraph [0023] of the specification.

Restriction/Election Requirement

Applicant provisionally elects the subject matter of group I claims (1-11 and 19) with traverse.

The restriction requirement is clearly erroneous because the Examiner has failed to substantiate one-way distinctness as required. In a flawed attempt to do so, the Examiner stated:

In the instant case, the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process, such as, a process not including "injecting," for instance.
(Office Action of 9/12/2006, pg. 2, emphasis added)

However, neither the independent apparatus claim I as previously presented (group I) nor the independent method claim 12 as previously presented (group II) recite

"injecting." Rather, both claims commonly recite overmolding the connector to the enclosure. The Examiner has asserted a basis for distinctness that simply is not substantiated by any recited language of the independent claims. The basis is erroneous, and as such Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

Conclusion

This is a complete response to the Office Action mailed 9/12/2006.

Applicant has also filed herewith a request for telephone interview. The interview is necessary to clarify any unresolved issues associated with the unsubstantiated restriction requirement.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the Attorneys listed below should any questions arise concerning this response or if any other issue arises delaying passage to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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